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For:	IMPLANTS AND RELATED METHODS AND)
	APPARATUS FOR SECURING AN IMPLANT)
	ON AN ARTICULATING SURFACE OF AN)
	ORTHOPEDIC JOINT)
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Examiner:	David Comstock)

3RD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

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Sir:

Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form PTO-1449 which contains a list of all patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). While no representation is made that these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed listed references are disclosed so as to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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Statement of Relevance of References Listed
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Under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3)

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), the following concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference that is not in the English language and unaccompanied by a translation into English is provided.

French Patent No. FR 2 521 421: This prosthesis essentially has a trochlea element (11) shaped like a sector of a circular ring segment which is fixed in place of and at the site of the damaged trochlea (6) located between the condyles and which presents a circular support surface to the knee-cap (5) of convex longitudinal section and concave cross-section, the sector extending through an arched angle (13) between 60 and 190 DEG , whereas the segment is asymmetrical relative to the equatorial plane (12) of the circular ring, such that one of its edges, which corresponds to the lateral edge of the trochlea (6), is further remote from this equatorial plane than the opposite, other edge which corresponds to the medial edge of the trochlea (6).

PCT Publication No. WO 94/09723: Knee articulation prosthesis comprising a tibial component (1) on which rests a femoral component (4). The prosthesis is characterized in that, it includes means for preserving or restoring the anterior and posterior crossed ligaments, generators of stability of said knee, and in that the geometry of the condyle portions (5) of the femoral component (4) is such that the anterior and posterior crossed ligaments, whether they are natural or prosthetic, in the femur tibia articulation are subjected to the least stress possible during flexion-extension movements of the knee. The invention also concerns an auxiliary instrument (8) for positioning the crossed ligaments in conjunction with said prosthesis.

Application with Related Disclosure

By way of information to the Examiner, set forth below is a list of pending patent applications that disclose and may claim some common subject matter:

Inventors	Serial No.	Filing Date
Daniel F. Justin et al.	10/749,346	December 30, 2003
Daniel F. Justin et al.	11/219,098	September 2, 2005
Daniel F. Justin et al.	10/750,615	December 30, 2003
Daniel F. Justin et al.	10/749,332	December 30, 2003
Daniel F. Justin et al.	10/901,941	July 28, 2004
E. Marlowe Goble et al.	10/901,935	July 28, 2004
Robert A. Hodorek et al.	10/901,562	July 28, 2004
E. Marlowe Goble et al.	11/040,503	January 21, 2005
Daniel F. Justin et al.	11/040,501	January 21, 2005

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